

Griffs Play Giants Today in First of Seven Games: Scholastic Series Opens Tomorrow

GAMES SHOULD PROVIDE REAL TESTS FOR TEAMS First Encounter Takes Place in Jackson, Tenn., Today—Nationals Are Lucky to Defeat Chattanooga by 5 to 4.

JACKSON, Tenn., April 4.—The big scrap is on, or, rather series of scraps, the first of seven games with the New York club of the National League being scheduled for this afternoon in this little town known by western Tennessee. To get here the Griffins had to travel 300 miles in a car which represents one of the earliest examples of Mr. Pullman's inventive genius, and due to perform tomorrow, it will be necessary to retrace this territory and proceed even farther eastward, with barely time enough for a meal before boarding the train following the game.

But what matter little things like this when the opportunity is presented of staging a game in a town which never before has seen a major league club perform. This is the reason for the booking advanced by Secretary of the National League who arranged for the date in the expectation of making a killing at the gate. With good weather the enormous crowd may be expected, possibly as many as one thousand.

Should Be Real Battles. But whether in hot towns or on comparatively quiet grounds, the two teams, the Giants and the Griffins, should be expected to give a real test. Those who saw the tilt between the Giants and Griffins while en route north a couple of years ago will remember that the Griffins were a different and much stronger gang of performers who are represented in this year by the Griffins. The Griffins are confident they will copy a majority of the set in hand.

Eric George Erickson and Jezebel Tecumseh Zachary are due to divide the hurling burden this afternoon and the Griffins are expected to be the strongest line-up the Griffins can present. The Giants may be handicapped to play on the field their most formidable array, although three of their "regulars" recently have been laid up. The pitcher who has been laid up is Frank Frisch, the Fordham flash, who has succeeded the veteran Larry Doyle at second base, only recently having been promoted to first base. Frisch is a right-handed pitcher and is a different and much stronger gang of performers who are represented in this year by the Griffins. The Griffins are confident they will copy a majority of the set in hand.

Griffs Are Hard Pressed. For the first time since they started playing exhibitions this spring the Griffins yesterday were hard pressed, losing to a victory over Chattanooga, although outplayed, outpitched and generally outplayed. They put up a record which is a double. O'Rourke being the worst offender with Foss, Rice and McGride also penalized for misplays. The Griffins are confident they will copy a majority of the set in hand.

Notwithstanding sloppy defensive play on both sides, the game was interesting one to watch and held the close attention of a noisy crowd of about 2,000 from start to finish. The Griffins were led by a near clash in the fifth between the umpire and one of McGride's athletes. Miller had just pitched a single to the batter when the umpire called McGride out for a balk. McGride protested and the umpire called McGride out for a balk. McGride protested and the umpire called McGride out for a balk.

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DETROIT, Mich., April 4.—Manager Ty Cobb of the Detroit Americans has decided to carry twenty-five players during the coming season. It will be the first time the Tigers have ever carried the limit.

Seek Aid for Robinson. BOSTON, April 4.—Tom McCarthy, base ball coach of Boston College, has been offered a contract by the Brooklyn Nationals to become assistant manager to Wilbert Robinson, team manager.

TWO GIANTS ARE SUED Umpire Asks \$500 Damages From Dolan and Kelly as Result of Mobile Fight.

MOBILE, Ala., April 3.—Cozy Dolan, coach of the New York Giants, and George Kelly, first baseman, were made defendants in a damage suit asking \$500 from each of them filed by Umpire Ed Lawson as the result of a fight at the ball park here Saturday night.

PLAYS THAT PUZZLE BY BILLY EVANS

What are the rights of the coach at third base? If a batter should hit a ball over the fence, and the coach patted him on the back as he rounded the bases, how should the umpire rule? If a batter is out of the field, and makes three bases on it, beating the throw to get him at that base, with the fielder standing on the base, and the batter left the lines of his position, and the umpire ruled the batter out of the uniform of the player, what should the umpire do?

TRAINING TRIP GAMES

Table listing training trip games for various teams like Port Worth, Chicago, Cleveland, etc., with columns for location and score.

Swimming Record Is Set. DETROIT, Mich., April 4.—Robert Skelton of the Illinois Athletic Club, Chicago, won the national A. U. 50-yard stroke swimming championship and established a new American record, 6:37.25.

Yachtmen to Gather. CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 3.—Delegates and officers of the Interlake Yachting Association will gather here April 11 for the annual spring meeting.

Huggins Is Improving. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 4.—Manager Miller Huggins of the Yankees, who suffered a slight attack of appendicitis, is able to direct play from the bench. The Yankees and Dodgers play here today.

French Runners to Sail. PARIS, April 4.—Four runners who will take part in the international relay races at the University of Pennsylvania meet will sail for the United States Saturday on the steamer Le France.

Naval Academy Riflemen Will Be Held to Train at Washington. The Naval Academy riflemen will be held to train at Washington High School Cadet Corps prior to an annual drill at the District National Guard May 2.

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CENTRAL AND BUSINESS IN INAUGURAL CONTEST

THE annual high school base ball championship race is scheduled to get under way tomorrow afternoon, with Central opposing Business, on the new field in Central stadium. Play is to begin at 3 o'clock. Jimmy Hughes and Bill Handiboe, members of the recently organized District Umpires' Association, will officiate.

Both of the teams are getting their final drills this afternoon. Central, though somewhat battered last week during its Virginia tour, which brought two victories in six starts, apparently is better fortified for the clash than Business. Coach Kelley, at the latter school, has a squad just about large enough to enable him to put a nine on the field.

Poor fielding accounted for most of Central's defeats during the Easter holidays, but Coach Kelley, who is directing the team, believes his pitchers will go much better at home. He has a lot of pitchers for the series and two of them are ready for tomorrow's engagement. They are Brinkman and Jernome. The former probably will start.

Walker Has Sore Arm. Walker, another hurler, may be out of action for some time, as he developed a sore arm during the trip and the affected member is not rapidly responding to treatment. Kitchen and Edelin are not likely to face any high school teams until late in the series.

Of the two catchers available, Love will play in left field. Buckley, first baseman, is hurt in the game with Augusta, has a bad ankle. He was able to give up his crutches yesterday, but needs more rest.

Others likely to start for Central in the opening game are Day, third base; Lemon, first base; Rauber, shortstop; Barrett, second base; Roberts, center field; and Dunlap, right field. Dunlap may go to bat after Lemon, and the battery will follow Dunlap.

Business did not show much fielding ability in its 12-2 defeat at the hands of Episcopal High School last Friday, but Barrett pitched well enough to deserve a better fate. Should Peterson be able to get the field and Barrett given another chance to prove his worth, even a new player, will do the catching.

Business Has Few Players. The Stenographers have but six more players on their roster, and all will be on duty against Central. Barrett and Day will be the only ones to play. Craven, shortstop; Ferber, right field; Beck and Peterson.

Billiard Champion Beaten. DETROIT, Mich., April 4.—Gus Coyle, both on the mound and at bat, in an exhibition match concluded here, 30 to 28 points. Layton won but one of the six blocks.

Bike Grind to Egg and Sere. PARIS, April 4.—Egg and Sere won the six-day bicycle race here. They covered 3,735 kilometers 75 meters. The other riders were: Brocco, second; Dupuy and Miguel third; Spears and Brocco were eighth.

WITH SANDLOT NINES

THREE District sandlot nines of the first rank opened their seasons yesterday, playing to nearly six thousand fans. The Knickerbockers of Georgetown and the Elks of the Fraternal League had Olympia Hollow thronged with followers of the sport, while Gibraltar Athletic Club and the Cardinals of Alexandria performed before a sizeable gathering on the Monument lot.

The Knicks surprised even their most ardent supporters by trouncing the Elks, 6 to 3. Lem Owen, Paul Bryant and Slim Patterson, pitchers used by the Knickerbockers, were slammed for thirteen safeties, totaling twenty-one bases. Wise and Homan were the only regulars to get on base. Fisher of the Knicks yielded but three hits.

In turning back the Alexandria Cardinals, the Gibe indulged in a bit of hitting. Neidfeldt was the victim of the savage attack that netted twelve clouts and 15-5 victory for the locals. While his mates were helping their hitting averages, McCoy held the Alexandrians to a brace of singles.

Paul Mesnick's pitching was too much for Lafayette Athletic Club in its game with the Rockfords yesterday. The hurler fanned fourteen batters while his team hammered the Lafayette moundmen for a 3-1 win. Each team scored in the first inning, but Spalding's single and Perkins' triple netted the Rockfords ahead in the seventh.

Vincent Costello took the measure of the Engineers in a 3-1 game when he pitched a complete game. Costello pitched well for the winners. Toomey, Gleason and Fitzgerald of the Costello team made three hits in three times at bat.

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BOAT CLUB WILL ELECT Potomac Also to Discuss Plans for Season at Gathering Wednesday Night.

Potomac Boat Club will meet Wednesday night to elect officers and plan its campaign for the ensuing season. The gathering will be held at the clubhouse at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers and discussing the plans for the coming year.

Several of the boats were on the river yesterday. Capt. Bob Duncan, champion single sculler, was out for the first time, accompanied by Donny and Hutterly. The double team, Hutterly and Hutterly, are considered the best in their class in this country. They have been working every afternoon since the mild weather came. Two junior eights and an intermediate eight also were practicing.

Coach Hecox is being assisted by John McKinney, Jimmy Abbott and Carl Winters in training the oarsmen. The Central High School crew, members of which also belong to Potomac Boat Club, is being coached by Coach Hecox. Two boats are receiving instruction, but no definite selection of a crew has been made for the inter-school regatta to be held on the Harlem May 30.

Following their closed meet, the Washington athletes will be tested in the annual regatta of the Inter-Club Canoe Association at Sycamore Island May 20. On July 2 a similar crew will be sent to the championships at St. Georges Island, N. Y., and a junior crew to the Potomac regatta at Philadelphia. An open club regatta will be held here July 30 and the annual water circus August 21.

The club will have entries in the annual championships of the Chesapeake and Delaware division of the American Canoe Association at Trenton, N. J., Labor day, September 5. Should the American Canoe Club in Philadelphia hold a regatta, the local paddlers will attend and a team may compete in the annual regatta of the American Canoe Association at Sugar Island in the St. Lawrence in August.

The aquatic committee has planned to revive the upper Potomac swimming races that were so popular several years ago. An open meet will be held on June 11 and August 15. The three-and-a-quarter mile race from Chain bridge to Aqueduct bridge will be conducted.

Seeks New Athletic Field. HAMPTON, Va., April 3.—Hampton Institute's former students are conducting a campaign to raise \$30,000 for a modern athletic field.

LEWIS TO WRESTLE PESK. NEW YORK, April 4.—Ed (Strangler) Lewis, world heavyweight catch-as-catch-can wrestling champion, will defend his title here tonight against Johnny Pesk of Newark. Lewis said today he will retire if defeated.

MASSONS TO ROLL MAY 6 Annual League Tourney Opens on Same Day as City Duckpin Championships.

Masonic bowlers will start their annual league tournament on the Royal alleys Monday, May 6, the date set for the opening of the yearly city duckpin championships. This was decided yesterday at a meeting of the Masonic Bowling Association tournament committee, consisting of Chairman H. B. Halley, Secretary C. M. Mark and Oliver, Alonzo and Harry Krauss.

The handicap system will govern the tournament bowling, duckpinners averaging 100 or more for the season to be scratch contestants. Those whose scores are below the 100 mark will receive handicaps, averages to count as of March 26. The tournament will open at the Royal alleys, Mason of the District, but bowlers without Masonic League averages will not be eligible.

The entrance fee will be \$1 per man for each event, including cost of shoes. Entries will close April 30. Many prizes will be at stake. Harry Krauss, manager of the Royal alleys, and Henry Rodler of the Bulletin have donated \$50 each to the prize lists.

BOWLERS IN MEDAL MATCH. Jimmy Boyd of the Times and Bill Clouser of the Herald will take the Recreation drives tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in a bowling match to determine the winner of the high game score gold medal in the newspaper individual duckpin championship tournament. Each will lead a count of 120 each in the tourney.

GROUP COLLEGE RELAYS Local Teams Are Included in List for Penn Carnival on April 29 and 30.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—Final grouping for the college class relay races at the Pennsylvania carnival, April 29 and 30 has been announced. Teams entering the national championship relay races will be the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, Cornell, and Yale.

Middle Atlantic states relay championship—Delaware, Dickinson, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Rutgers, Stevens, Swarthmore and Washington and Jefferson.

South Atlantic relay championship—Catholic University, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, Maryland, Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and George Washington University. Middle Atlantic relay championship—Delaware, Dickinson, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Rutgers, Stevens, Swarthmore and Washington and Jefferson.

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